The Corporation of the
County of Northumberland
555 Courthouse Road
Cobourg, ON, K9A 5J6

Northumberland County
Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL **February 24, 2026**

The Right Hon. Mark Carney (Prime Minister of Canada)
Honourable Sean Fraser (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada)
Honourable Gary Anandasangaree (Minister of Safety)
Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)
Honourable Doug Downey (Attorney General of Ontario)
Honourable Michael S. Kerzner (Solicitor General of Ontario)
Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland Peterborough-South)
Member of Parliament for Northumberland Clarke, Philip Lawrence
Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Correspondence, 'Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry'

At a meeting held on February 18th, 2026 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2026-02-18-122, adopting the below resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Lucas Cleveland
Seconded by: Councillor John Logel

"**Whereas** item 7.a from the February 3, 2026 Corporate Support Committee was held by Council for separate discussion at this meeting, the item being 'Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry'; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That County Council adopt the following:

- **That** County Council support the correspondence and send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders."

Council Resolution # 2026-02-18-122 **Carried**

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at bennettt@northumberland.ca or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,
Tonia Bennett

Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

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Moved By L. Cleveland

Seconded By d. Logel

Agenda Item 12.b. (1)

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Recorded Vote Requested by _____ **Councillor's Name**

Carried _____ **Warden's Signature**

Deferred _____ **Warden's Signature**

Defeated _____ **Warden's Signature**

December 19, 2025

Honorable Mark Carney

Sent via email: mark.carney@parl.gc.ca

Dear Honorable Mark Carney:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council, at its meeting held December 16, 2025 adopted the following:

12.2.7 Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry - Councillor Samwell

WHEREAS the community of Welland and the surrounding communities were deeply impacted by a recent heinous crime that highlighted critical gaps in Canada's criminal justice and offender-management systems; and

WHEREAS on September 4, 2025, Mayor Frank Campion of the City of Welland wrote to the Premier of Ontario urging comprehensive reform to strengthen sentencing, parole, and bail provisions for violent sexual offenders, and to enhance public safety protections; and

WHEREAS on September 12, 2025, Mayor Mat Siscoe of the City of St. Catharines wrote to the Prime Minister of Canada expressing strong support for these reforms and calling for immediate federal action to strengthen sentencing, parole, and accountability measures for violent sexual offenders; and

WHEREAS the City of Thorold, at its meeting of September 9, 2025, adopted Resolution 14.2 requesting the Province of Ontario to amend Christopher's Law (Sexual Offenders Registry), 2000 to make Ontario Sex Offender Registry publicly accessible; and

WHEREAS several Niagara municipalities; including Grimsby, Fort Erie, Port Colborne, and St. Catherines have subsequently endorsed this call for greater transparency and reform; and

WHEREAS municipal councils, though not responsible for criminal law or parole, play a vital role in advocating for the safety and well-being of their residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

A. THAT the Council of the City of Brantford hereby supports the City of Thorold's Resolution calling for the Publication of the Sexual Offender Registry and the City of Welland's correspondence dated September 4, 2025, calling for reform to sentencing, parole, and registry provisions concerning violent sexual offenders; and

B. THAT the Province of Ontario be urged to amend Christopher's Law (Sexual Offender Registry), 2000 to make the Ontario Sex Offender

Registry publicly accessible, subject to appropriate privacy and safety safeguards; and

C. THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

i. The Right Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;

ii. The Hon. Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada;

iii. The Hon. Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Safety;

iv. The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;

v. The Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario;

vi. The Hon. Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario;

vii. Member of Parliament for Brantford-Brant, Larry Brock;

viii. Member of Provincial Parliament for Brantford-Brant, Will Bouma;

ix. The Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);

x. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and

xi. All Ontario Municipalities for their information and support.

I trust this information is of assistance.
Yours truly,

Chris Gauthier City Clerk,
cgauthier@brantford.ca

CC - The Honorable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada; - Sean.Fraser@parl.gc.ca

The Honorable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Safety
Gary.Anand@parl.gc.ca

The Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; - premier@ontario.ca

The Honorable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario; - Doug.Downey@ontario.ca

The Honorable Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario michael.kerzner@pc.ola.org

Member of Parliament for Brantford-Brant, Larry Brock; - larry.brock@parl.gc.ca

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All Ontario Municipalities for their information and support